



Programs and Events December 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Park Staff: Property Manager: Brady Givens Office Manager: Carolyn Runyan Park Office Hours: Mon - Sat: 8:30a-4:00p Park Office Phone: (317) 591-0904		Deer Reduction November 30th & December 1st. Park closed to the public	Starling flocks start to form			
The sledding hill officially opens once there is at least 3 inches of snow!			Now is the time to put your birdfeeders out for the winter birds!	Indiana Master Naturalist Class #12	On this day in 1816 Indiana was officially admitted into the Union, making it the 19th state.	Breakfast with Santa at the Inn
Merit Badge Sunday: Fish and Wildlife Management 10a-4p	Watch for new birds at winter feeders <i>The Geminids peak Dec. 13 & 14</i>		On this day in 1944 The Battle of the Bulge began as Germans launched a surprise attack against Americans in Europe	Did You Know? Snow is formed when water vapor freezes until it is heavy enough to fall to the ground!		M20CW: BATTLE OF THE BULGE
M20CW: BATTLE OF THE BULGE	Winter Solstice - Start of winter!		Look for tracks in the snow	Christmas Eve Park Office Closed	Christmas Day Full Cold Moon Park Office Closed	
	Ducks active as ponds freeze over		Be on the lookout for lingering migrants	Orion is visible in the sky	January 1 is the annual first day hike!	Park Visitor Center open daily: 8:30a - 4:00p Visitor Center phone: (317) 591 - 0122

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Merit Badge Sunday: Merit badge classes are held from 10a-4p at the Visitor Center for Boy Scouts. **Pre-registration is required.**

Breakfast with Santa: Santa is making a special trip to the Fort Harrison State Park Inn! Enjoy breakfast and crafts but don't forget to bring your Christmas list! Space is limited. See flyer for more details.

The Geminid Meteor shower occurs when Earth passes through the debris field of an asteroid called 3200 Phaethon. The debris burns up in the atmosphere, causing meteor showers. The shower begins December 7th, but peaks on the 13th & 14th.

During the Cold Moon, winter takes a firm hold and temperatures take a plummet. Sometimes this moon is called the Long Night Moon as the winter nights lengthen and the moon spends more time above the horizon opposite a low sun.

The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year. However it is the time of year where the moon is actually closest to the sun.

The end of the year is fast approaching! Join the Naturalist on January 1st for the First Day Hike! Mark your calendars and see the flyer for more details!

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Indiana
State Parks
Centennial!**

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special
events at
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Questions? Feel free to contact the interpretative naturalist staff at fortinterp@dnr.in.gov or stop by!



